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GENEVA FOR THE SECRETARY
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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SYRIAN VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. OMAR SAQQAF, SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR TODAY THAT THE MISSION OF THE SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAS TO EXPLAIN WHY SYRIA CHOSE NOT TO ATTEND THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE.
2. THE SYRIAN MINISTER SAID THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS UNABLE TO TELL THEM WHEN OR EVEN IF THE ISRAELIS WOULD WITHDRAW FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.
3. MINISTER SAQQAF INTIMATED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TOLD THE SYRIANS THE SAME THINGS HE HAD TOLD THE SAUDIS. THE SYRIAN MINISTER TOLD THE SAUDIS THAT WHILE THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT TRUSTS THE SECRETARY, THEY WOULD PREFER TO WAIT AND SEE IF HE CAN PERSUADE THE ISRAELIS TO MOVE AT ALL BEFORE THEY ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.
4. THE SYRIAN SAID THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM AN EXPOSED SALIENT WOULD BE OF LITTLE INTEREST TO SYRIA,
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BUT IF THERE WERE SOME ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE POST-

1967 LINES, THE SYRIANS WOULD VERY LIKELY ATTEND THE
"REAL" PEACE TALKS WHICH WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY.
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